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In the Claims:

- 1.(previously presented) A method of deactivating an allergen from the mite species Der f1 or Der p1, the method comprising the step of:
dispersing into an airspace an allergen-deactivating amount of an allergen-deactivating compound, said compound being provided in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 8% weight of a deactivant, said emulsion being dispersed into the airspace as a vapour.
- 2.(previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the allergen-deactivating compound-is dispersed into the airspace over a period of at least 30 minutes.
- 3.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the dispersal is aided by heat applied to the emulsion.
- 4.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the allergen-deactivating compound is selected from:
a terpene hydrocarbon;
a citrus oil;
a mint oil;
bois de rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot;
oil of lemon grass;
or a component thereof.
- 5.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the allergen-deactivating compound comprises a terpene hydrocarbon.

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- 6.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the allergen-deactivating compound comprises β -pinene.
- 7.(previously presented) A method according to claim 1 wherein the allergen-deactivating compound comprises orange oil or a component thereof.
- 8.(currently amended) A method of deactivating an allergen at a locus, the method comprising the step of providing an oil-in-water emulsion, an allergen deactivant present in a concentration of 10-15% wt./wt. of emulsion, and heating the said emulsion with a heat source to accelerate the vaporization of the deactivant.
- 9.(currently amended) An allergen-deactivating oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 8% weight of a volatile deactivant wherein the deactivant is selected from:
a mint oil;
bois-de-rose oil;
oil of jasmine;
frankincense;
oil of bergamot;
oil of lemon grass;
or a component thereof.
- 10.(new) The method according to claim 8, wherein the oil-in-water emulsion comprises a non-ionic surfactant.
- 11.(new) The allergen-deactivating oil-in-water emulsion according to claim 9, further comprising:
a non-ionic surfactant.

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- 12.(new) A method of deactivating an allergen from the mite species Der f1 or Der p1, the method comprising the step of:
- dispersing into an airspace an allergen-deactivating amount of an allergen-deactivating compound, wherein the allergen-deactivating compound being provided in the form of an oil-in-water emulsion comprising at least 8% weight of a deactivant, wherein the oil-in-water emulsion being dispersed into the airspace as a vapour, wherein the oil-in-water emulsion comprises a non-ionic surfactant as an essential constituent of the oil-in-water emulsion.
- 13.(new) The method according to claim 12, wherein the deactivant is selected from:
- oil of jasmine;
 - oil of bergamot;
 - oil of lemon grass;
 - or a component thereof.